

Land, and Air Capabilities, Part II". Testimony was heard from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Michael J. Haycock, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition, Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. Coast Guard; Marie A. Mak, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

#### **PTSD CLAIMS: ASSESSING WHETHER VBA IS EFFECTIVELY SERVING VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "PTSD Claims: Assessing Whether VBA is Effectively Serving Veterans". Testimony was heard from Ronald S. Burke, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Office for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S ELECTRONIC RECORD RETENTION POLICIES: IMPROVING COMPLIANCE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Internal Revenue Service's Electronic Record Retention Policies: Improving Compliance". Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Management Services and Exempt Organizations, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Jeffrey Tribiano, Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, Internal Revenue Service; and Edward Killen, Director of Privacy, Governmental Liaison, and Disclosure, Internal Revenue Service.

### ***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Karen Dunn Kelley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Peter B. Davidson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Commerce, and Mark H. Buzby, of Virginia, to be Administrator of

the Maritime Administration, and Ronald L. Batory, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 32, to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, S. 90, to survey the gradient boundary along the Red River in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, S. 357, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain public lands in San Bernardino County, California, to the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and to accept in return certain exchanged non-public lands, S. 436, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, to substitute certain land selections of the Navajo Nation, to designate certain wilderness areas, S. 467, to provide for the disposal of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Mohave County, Arizona, S. 468, to establish a procedure for resolving claims to certain rights-of-way, S. 614, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program for commercial recreation concessions on certain land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, S. 785, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans, S. 837, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Washington County, Utah, to authorize the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Utah, S. 884, to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to require the Bureau of Land Management to provide a claimant of a small miner waiver from claim maintenance fees with a period of 60 days after written receipt of 1 or more defects is provided to the claimant by registered mail to cure the 1 or more defects or pay the claim maintenance fee, S. 941, to withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, S. 1149, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kake Tribal Corporation under that Act, S. 1230, to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, S. 1271, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak", and S. 1548, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas and to make additional wild and scenic river designations in the State of Oregon, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 1514, to amend certain Acts to reauthorize those Acts and to increase protections for wildlife, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine South Sudan's conflict and famine; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Arthur Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Maria E. Brewer, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, and John P. Desrocher, of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 873, to amend section 8433 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for flexibility in making withdrawals from the Thrift Savings Fund, S. 288, to require notice and comment for certain interpretative rules, S. 886, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an Acquisition Review Board in the Department of Homeland Security, S. 906, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for congressional notification regarding major acquisition program breaches, S. 1199, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the Border Enforcement Security Task Force program within the Department of Homeland Security, S. 938, to require notice of cost-free Federal procurement technical assistance in connection with registration of small business concerns in procurement systems, S. 1208, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative under which a person to whom a document is sent under that initiative may elect to have the United States Postal Service use the Hold for Pickup service or the Signature Confirmation service in delivering the document, S. Con. Res. 15, expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2017, as "Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day", H.R. 1293, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by Federal employees, H.R. 1117, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster, H.R. 1679, to ensure that the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current efforts to modernize its grant management system includes applicant accessibility and transparency, H.R. 195, to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employees of the United States, H.R. 194, to ensure the effective processing of mail by Federal agencies, and an original bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize the Judicial Conference of the United States to redact sensitive information contained in financial disclosure reports of judicial officers and employees, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal infrastructure permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands, and H.R. 984, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office reports on human trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Foreign Agents Registration Act and attempts to influence United States elections, focusing on lessons learned from current and prior Administrations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1598, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 11 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine progress toward a cure for Type I Diabetes, focusing on research and the artificial pancreas, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Renegotiating NAFTA: Opportunities for Agriculture", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled "Expanding Options for Employers and Workers Through Earn-and-Learn Opportunities", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Powering America: A Review of the Operation and Effectiveness of the Nation's Wholesale Electricity Markets", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the Extension of Special Needs Plans", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Assessing the U.S.-Qatar Relationship", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2626, the "Strong Visa Integrity Secures America Act"; H.R. 2805, to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program; H.R. 3202, the "Cyber Vulnerability Disclosure Reporting Act"; H.R. 3284, the "Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series Act of 2017"; H.R. 3328, the "Cuban Airport Security Act of 2017"; to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; and

H. Res. 447, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities relating to businesses owned or controlled by President Donald J. Trump, 11:30 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Library of Congress’ Strategic Plan”, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 391, the “Asylum Reform and Border Protection Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 446, resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the removal of former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 825, the “Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act”; H.R. 873, the “Global War on Terrorism War Memorial Act”; H.R. 965, the “Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act”; H.R. 1074, to repeal the Act entitled “An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation”; H.R. 1418, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1491, the “Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1547, the “Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act”; H.R. 2075, the “Crooked River

Ranch Fire Protection Act”; H.R. 2083, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”; H.R. 2199, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 2316, the “Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2017”; H.R. 2371, the “Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act”; H.R. 2374, the “Eastern Nevada Economic Development and Land Management Improvement Act”; H.R. 2423, the “Washington County, Utah, Public Lands Management Implementation Act”; H.R. 2582, the “Confirming State Land Grants for Education Act”; H.R. 2611, the “Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 2615, the “Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2017”; H.R. 2768, the “Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act”; H.R. 3115, the “Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017”; H.R. 3279, the “Helium Extraction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3281, the “Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Office of National Drug Control Policy: Reauthorization in the 115th Congress”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “STEM and Computer Science Education: Preparing the 21st Century Workforce”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Protecting Small Businesses from Cyber Attacks: the Cybersecurity Insurance Option”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.